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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : Before the Collector issued the circular, he was satisfied that some members of the organization were taking active part in politics. Therefore, circulars were issued to the heads of the institution there to advise the teachers not to associate themselves with the Samajam as long as the Samajam was found to be taking active part in elections and other matters.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Any individual member who takes part in politics may be dealt with properly. That is not because he is a member of the Samajam. That is applicable to all. Does the Hon. Minister know whether this Samajam has been recognized as a political party either by the Central Election Commission of the State Election Commission for any purpose in the State?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : Any teacher who offends the Government Servants' Conduct Rules will have to be punished.

Jaundice in the Central Jail, Cannanore

* 2362 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM (on behalf of Sri K. P. Gopalan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state— 8-50 p.m.

(*a*) how many prisoners died in the Central Jail, Cannanore, recently on account of jaundice (manchapitham);

(*b*) how many prisoners have been affected by the disease;

(*c*) the remedial measures taken by the Government;

(*d*) whether Government have received any report either from the Superintendent or from the Medical Officer, Central Jail, Cannanore, regarding the disease; and

(*e*) if so, whether the Government will place a copy of the report on the table of the House?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) None, Sir.

(*b*) 219.

(*c*) All cases of infectious hepatitis are segregated and kept in a separate block inside the jail. Special squads of prisoners are specially deputed for the thorough disinfection of all the blocks and lavatories and special arrangements are made to supply boiled water for drinking purposes in addition to the chlorination and stringent anti-fly measures that are taken to protect the food from pollution. Medicine is administered at the hospital. The special medical officers deputed by the Director of Medical Services to investigate the disease, besides suggesting various measures to check the disease have given to the Medical Officer of the Jail a copy of the curative and prophylactic measures to be undertaken to bring down the incidence of the disease.

(*d*) Yes, Sir.

(e) An extract from the report of the Research Health Officer who inspected the jail along with the Medical Officer of the jail, is placed on the table of the House [a].

Payment of compensation to a fisherman in the Fisheries Department at Dharmadam

* 2363 Q.—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri C. H. Kanaran): Will the Hon the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have paid any compensation to Umalil Usman, a fisherman, working under the Fisheries Department at Dharmadam, Malabar, who met with an accident during May 1954; and

(b) If so, the amount so disbursed?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (a) & (b) No compensation was given to the employee as the injury received by him was slight and the question of compensation did not arise.

Research section in the Ophthalmic Hospital, Madras

* 2364 Q.—SRI C. KANDASAMY (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have started any research section attached to the Ophthalmic Hospital, Madras; and

(b) if so, its monthly cost?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY: (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Fire accidents

* 2365 Q.—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that a serious fire accident took place in Pullambadi, Tiruchirappalli district, during the first week of April 1955;

(b) if so, the extent of damage caused by the fire; and

(c) the relief measures undertaken by the Government?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU: (a) Yes.

(b) Two hundred and ninety-seven houses and 52 cattle-sheds were destroyed. Three women died. Eight persons received severe burns. Twenty young goats with three kids and a dozen fowls were burnt alive. Sixty-six hay-ricks, valued at Rs. 8,000 and 50 dung-pits, valued at Rs. 2,000, were also destroyed. The victims lost their clothing, foodgrains which were to last for the whole year and unsold agricultural produce and agricultural implements. The total damage is estimated at Rs. 1,32,683.

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[a] Printed as Appendix on page 147 infra.